

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Willshere (Chair), Taylor, Cook, Corker and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Nutman, Copping and Crissell.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meetings 12 July and 2 August 2021.

With the addition of the word not to the following sentence to item 2 4 folio 3039 - Cllr Willshere advised that this was not the decision expected which was that the matter would NOT go to a full hearing both sets of minutes were approved and signed.

3. To receive members Declarations of Interest on agenda items.

There were none.

4. Public comment.

Residents are concerned regarding congestion in Northfield Road due to parking of commercial vehicles from properties on Birch Road. This will be an agenda item for the October meeting.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

All councils in Suffolk are working to provide housing for Afghan refugees. At the moment there were just 4 families in need, but this is likely to increase. 4 fire and rescue appliances have now been upgraded and fitted with solar panels. The Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group on Council will be putting a motion regarding the climate emergency forward to the next Council Meeting to require the Council to set specific benchmarks and targets each year up to 2030. Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into Special Educational Needs and Disability provision which has now been completed. The report, with any recommendations, is due to be published this month on Suffolk County Council's website, shared with those who contributed to it and also scrutinised, in public, by the council's Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. The 'Suffolk Leader's Group' (Leaders of County Council, District Councils, Ipswich Borough Council, and Police and Crime Commissioner) have written to the Government expressing interest in discussions with Government on Devolution for Suffolk

6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen

MSDC has bought land off Wash Lane, Great Finborough to safeguard the ecology corridor along the river Ratt to ensure there will not be attempts at speculative attempts to gain planning permission for houses, which had been in prospect. Following the Government announcement of its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees, councils in Suffolk, including MSDC, have expressed their commitment to assist. We have already helped a small number of Afghan interpreters and their families to resettle in Suffolk. There will be ongoing work to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and other refugees entering the UK. Together with other councils in Suffolk, MSDC have written to the Secretary of State responsible for local government to indicate a desire to discuss a possible devolution deal for Suffolk. It is important that any deal should avoid an extra tier of government and extra costs to our council tax benefits. The Gateway 14 development proposals have been granted planning

permission with a number of conditions. One of these is a financial commitment towards community and recreational facilities. The MSDC HQ in Needham Market development of homes for private sale is progressing well and show homes can now be viewed by potential buyers. The development will include a small supermarket and affordable homes for shared ownership and for social rent. There are no signs that the Government will renew the COVID legislation to enable virtual or hybrid meetings. Committee meetings are being held in the Council Chamber and it is anticipated that the full Council meeting on 23 September will be held in the Chamber. Staff are continuing to work from home but, when necessary, access to workspace in Endeavour House can be booked by staff and councillors. Taxi licensing – the current administration has given no encouragement to switch to electric vehicles within the new taxi licensing policy at the Council's recent Licensing Committee. Babergh and MSDC have set up a Joint Task and Finish Group to prepare a Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Plan (LCWIP) to prioritise locations across the Districts for new or improved cycle and pedestrian provision. MSDC has let a contract for the construction of a solar carport in the Stowmarket Leisure Centre car park; works are expected to begin shortly and be complete by spring 2022. There are an exceptional number of planning applications awaiting decision at present.

7. Planning Matters

a) To discuss and make recommendation to MSDC on any applications received prior to this meeting

21/04809 Erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of existing detached single garage) replacement of cladding to front elevation and erection of new front entrance porch. 15 Ash Road – support.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

21/03517 Erection of a two storey extension and installation of cladding to the existing first floor elevation. 3 Wash Lane – granted.

21/03803 Work to create an en-suite bathroom to bedroom, North Wing, Onehouse Hall – granted.

8. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Ditch beside footpath behind The Limes – there has not been a response from SCC Rights of Way as yet.

Sports area Northfield View Development – a meeting will be arranged to discuss with Tom Barker MSDC.

b) Report from Mr Row, OPC Handyman.

The Community Centre noticeboard has been replaced. The Speed Indicator Sign has been moved between sites. The benches have been maintained, grass cutting and clearing weeds from the gutter. Cllrs Crissell and Willshire are looking into the SCC Self Help scheme with a view to a Cllrs being the Ranger.

9. Finances

To ratify the following payments:

a) 21/030 £75.00 R W Palmer playing field grass cutting July

b) 21/031 £200.00 Lucinda Rogers donation towards broken window

c) 21/032 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be sent off 5 September

all payments were unanimously ratified

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- d)21/033 £75.00 R W Palmer playing field grass cutting August
- e)21/034 £31.66 Mr D Nicholson concrete posts and post mix Pauper's Graves
- f)21/035£25.00 Mr R Taylor petrol and strimmer cord for Pauper's Graves tools
- g)21/036 £338.80 Gipping Press July/August OHSMag
- h)21/037 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be sent off 5 October
- i)21/038 £237.54 Business Services at CAS Ltd annual insurance premium
- j)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community account balance at the end of August was £35,020.40. £6,750.00 second half precept has been received since month end, less this month's cheques totalling £858.16 and adjustment of £777.00 and £14.50 still to be received from Shelland PC for OHSMag deficit, the corrected figure is £40,149.74.

10. Highways

a) To receive an update on additional sites for speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

The Clerk and Mrs Copping are working on submitting the site near to Elder Cottage to SCC for agreement.

11. To receive an update on the judicial review regarding development of land south of Union Road.

There has been no contact from the court regarding our challenge against costs. A letter has been received from the court advising that as no request to reconsider the decision at a hearing has been lodged by us the file has been closed.

12. To consider purchasing a Scribe accounts package and take any necessary action.

This was deferred to the October meeting

13. To consider changing to online banking and take any necessary action

This was deferred to the October meeting

14. Environmental Issues

Drains along Starhouse Lane have been cleared.

15. To discuss development of land around the parish and take any necessary action.

James Bailey Planning on behalf of the developer has advised that they are shortly to submit a planning application for land in Forest Road and would like to meet with Cllrs. This will be arranged. *Action: the Clerk*

16. To discuss OHSMag, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.

A request for a link to be added to our website has been received. Cllrs request to look at the information before making a decision.

17. To receive an update on the Paupers Graves site including to consider the purchase of a new hedge trimmer and take any necessary action.

To weekly working groups have continued through the summer. A rowan tree has been planted. To keep the entrance area hedge in good condition a battery hedge trimmer is required. It was agreed to purchase from Tomlinson Goundcare at a cost of £249.00 + £95.00 for a spare battery, (21/039 £344.00).

The trees need pollarding and Mr Taylor will get three quotes *Action: Cllr Taylor*

18. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **MSDC** Hackney carriage, private hire operator, vehicle & driver policy consultation, Gambling Act 2005 local policy (2022-2025) consultation. Cllrs do not wish to comment. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:**

Rural Services Network Rural bulletin 13, 20, 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24 August, 1, 7 September, Rural Funding Digest August and September. **Community Action Suffolk** network survey, newsletter 15, 29 July, 12, 26 August, 9 September. **SALC** CAS information for councils, ebulletin 12, 19, 26 July, 2, 9, 16, 23, 3 August, 6 September, AGM 29 July, a conversation with Jackie Weaver, new event to engage with young people in your community, NHS Diabetes prevention programme, Mid Suffolk area forum 23 September, community restart poster, Festival of Suffolk, Queen’s Suffolk tree canopy event 13 September. **MSDC** JLP examination hearing matter 4 preliminary session, welcome back funding form, annual canvas of electors 2021 email communication, compost giveaway September, JLP examination programme update, notice of examination BMSDC JLP resumption 22 September, Mid Suffolk owned land map, Potential MHCLG funds for improving planning information within parishes, notice of Civil Car Parking Enforcement Order, welcome back funding, BMSDC examination updated programme and hearing statements, Suffolk energy from waste facility virtual tours 10/11 September, council parking strategy consultation, JLP examination matter 4 further documentation, JLP updated programme. **SCC** Trading Standards news 15, 22, 29 July, 12, 26 August, 2, 9 September, suffolkonboard bus timetable update September. **PKF Littlejohn** confirmation notification of exempt status. **Stowmarket Striders** Stow Scenic Seven Race 14 November. **Anne Robson Trust** Support helpline item for OHSMag. 1 Freedom of Information request 20 August.

19. Questions to the Chairman

There were none

20. Items for next agenda

Scribe accounts package, online banking, judicial review to consider action against the Legal Company, Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, parking issues, Pauper’s Graves, OHSMag, website and Facebook, development around the parish.

21. To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....